



CVER CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER - Room 1.04, 1st floor, 32 Lincolns Inn Fields

10:00 - 10:10 **Welcome and Introduction: Professor Alison Wolf**
*Baroness Wolf of Dulwich, Sir Roy Griffiths Professor of Public Sector Management,
King's College London*

10:10 – 11:10 **Keynote: Sarah Turner** University Professor of Economics & Education & Souder Family
Professor, Virginia **(Chair: Steve Machin) PAPER BACKGROUND PAPER**

11:10 - 11:30 **Coffee** – Room 2.04

11:30 - 1:30 **General session 1: Effects of incentives and assistance** (Chair: Steve McIntosh)

Training Vouchers and Labor Market Outcomes in Chile
Rafael Novella, Inter-American Development Bank

Career Guidance and Career Planning of Secondary School Students
Annette Hillerich, Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW)

Sector-based work academies: A quantitative impact assessment
Richard Ward, Department for Work and Pensions

1:00 – 2:30 **Lunch** – Kinta Alley, Basement Floor

2:30 - 4:30 **General session 2: Returns to vocational education** (Chair: Jenifer Ruiz-Valenzuela)

The Benefits of Alternatives to Conventional College: Labor-Market Returns to Proprietary Schooling
Christopher Jepsen, University College Dublin

Skills at Work: Labor-Market Returns to Higher Vocational Schooling
Mika Haapanen, University of Jyväskylä, School of Business and Economics

Short- and long-term effects of vocational vs. general schooling: Evidence from Sweden
Jan Sauermann, Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University

Further Education: Skills, Second Chances and Pathways to Social Mobility
Peter Urwin, Centre for Employment Research, University of Westminster

4:30 - 5:00 **Coffee** – Room 2.04

5:00 – 6:00 **Keynote: Stefan Wolter** MD of the Swiss Coordination Centre for Research in Education &
Professor of Economics at the University of Berne **(Chair: Frank Bowley, BIS)**

6:15 - 8:30 **Canape and Drinks Reception** – The Bean Counter, basement floor



TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER - Room 1.04, 1st floor, 32 Lincolns Inn Fields

10:00 - 11:30 General session 3: Apprenticeships (Chair: Stefan Speckesser)

The Effect of Minimum Wages on Firm-Financed Apprenticeship Training
Mathias Schumann, Universitat Hamburg

The longer the better? Apprenticeship duration and achievement
Vahe Nafilyan, IES and CVER, and School of Business and Management, KCL

Using behavioural insights to increase the application success rate of apprenticeship applicants from BAME backgrounds
Emily Jones, Learning and Work Institute

11:30 - 12:00 Coffee – Room 2.04

12:00 – 1:00 Keynote: Eric Maurin, Director of Research EHESS, Paris & Chaired professor at the Paris School of Economics (Chair: Andrew Dickerson)

1:00 -2:00 Lunch – Kinta Alley, Basement

2:00 – 4:00 General session 4: School reforms, practices and student aspirations (Chair: Gavan Conlon)

The 1980s reforms of vocational education in Britain: a longitudinal perspective
Augustin De Coulon, School of Management and Business, King's College London

The Effect of Modularization on High School Dropout in Vocational Education: A Natural Experiment in Flanders
Deni Mazrekaj, KU Leuven

The Strength of Gender-Equality Norms and Gender-Stereotypical Occupational Aspirations Among Adolescents
Andreas Kuhn, Swiss Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training, and University of Bern

Additional Career Assistance and Educational Outcomes for Students in Lower Track Secondary Schools
Bernd Fitzenberger, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, School of Business and Economics

4:00 – 4:15 Coffee – Room 2.04

4:15 – 5:00 Policy panel discussion - Chair: Sandra McNally

Frank Bowley, Skills Policy & Analysis, BIS
Stefan Wolter, MD of the Swiss Coordination Centre for Research in Education, Berne
Anthony Mann, Education & Employers Taskforce